

**RECESSED MEETING
APRIL 2, 2002**

The Ashland Board of Commissioners met in Recessed Session in Catlettsburg, Kentucky at the former Post Office on Tuesday, April 2, 2002, at the hour of 12:00 PM in a joint meeting with the Cities of Catlettsburg and Worthington and the Counties of Boyd and Greenup. Those present were Commissioners: Larry Brown, Kevin Gunderson, W. Russell Powell, Polly Rideout and Mayor Paul Reeves, who presided. Also present were: William H. Fisher, Jr., City Manager; Richard W. Martin, Corporation Counsel; Kevin P. Sinnette, Assistant Corporation Counsel; Deborah Musser, City Clerk; Mark Osborne, Fire Chief; Tom Kelley, Chief of Police; Tony Grubb, Finance Director; Steve Corbitt, Director of Public Services; Jim Shaw, Director of Planning and Community Development; Greg Rice, Safety/Risk/Insurance Manager; Gail Melvin, Economic Development Director; Marion Russell, Assistant Director of Public Services; and Reporters.

AGENDA

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Powell, to receive and file the agenda presented at the meeting. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Brown, Gunderson, Powell, Rideout and Mayor Reeves. Nay - none. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- (1) **Report on progress of Animal Shelter Addition** – John Meyers, Architect, reported the addition to the animal shelter was under roof and without undue weather delays would be completed in 45 days. The addition has 22 additional dog kennels and additional storage space. After construction is complete, cage work will be required. Jimmy Johnson, Administrator at the Animal Shelter, stated the work is 65% complete. Commissioner Brown commended the effort of Boyd County officials for working with the City and expressed appreciation for the updates and communication received. Commissioner Powell requested information about the adoption rate. Mr. Johnson reported 7 out of 10 dogs and adoption of a large quantity of cats & kittens.
- (2) **Discuss Grant Writer Position** – There was discussion about formation of a committee – 2 from Boyd County and 2 from the Commission to develop the job description and compensation before the budgets are developed. Commissioners Powell and Rideout were designated.
- (3) **Clarification on Water Sign-ups** – City Manager Fisher clarified that out of town residents no longer are required to sign waivers before they can sign up for water. The waiver requirement has been eliminated for some time.
- (4) **Rockhouse Road – Water Line Extension** – The City has prepared a cost estimate for providing water line extension on Rockhouse Road. However, the water pressure at the resident's home does not meet state requirements without installation of a pump station. A suggestion was made the property owners could sign a waiver on the requirement. Corporation Counsel Martin will review. There was also some discussion of cost estimate for an extension to Southland Bible Institute which stipulated the County would open and close the ditch. Boyd County Fiscal Court will review the estimate and consider action.
- (5) **Fire Departments-Fire Hydrants** – A memo prepared by Director of Public Services Corbitt on the fire hydrant cost and charges outside the City was circulated and reviewed. The areas being requested are Westwood, England Hill and Summit/Ironville. Commissioner Powell questioned whether the expense would be the appropriate fire district's responsibility. Boyd County Judge Executive Scott will share the cost estimate information with the appropriate officials for action if they choose.

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OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Reeves expressed appreciation for Boyd County scheduling the second joint meeting. He stated 8 of the 9 items discussed at the first meeting in July 2001 had been accomplished.

Greenup County Judge Executive Bobby Carpenter stated the next meeting would be hosted in Greenup County at the Court House in July if schedules could be accommodated.

Mayor Reeves presented a Certificate of Recognition by City of Ashland recognizing Coach Marvin Meredith, Boyd County Commissioner, for being named to the Kentucky Association of Basketball Coaches inaugural Court of Honor.

Catlettsburg Mayor Roger Hensley expressed appreciation for the police and fire assistance rendered the previous Friday when a worker became trapped in a ditch collapse.

A comparison prepared by Catlettsburg Commissioner Hedrick on the water rates and installation of water lines cost for Catlettsburg residents and Ashland residents was distributed. The request was made for Ashland City officials to consider a reduction in the rates for Catlettsburg residents.

Judge Carpenter requested a commitment from the governments represented for financial support of the Ashland/Boyd County Airport. There was information requested from the Airport Board and prior to requesting funds from the governments during the budget processes.

Jim Purgerson, Ashland Alliance, stressed the importance of airports in economic development organization and briefly reported on activities. There was discussion about East Park.

Commissioner Gunderson stated it might be time to renew merger of government discussions. Commissioner Powell stated the size of a community gives clout when requesting federal and state funds.

Commissioner Brown stated the next meeting would be a good time to focus on economic development.

Commissioner Rideout expressed there is better dialog and everyone is better informed than 25 – 30 years ago.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Reeves declared the meeting adjourned at 1:29 PM.

PAUL R. REEVES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

DEBORAH MUSSER
CITY CLERK